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THE WINDMILL

A Journal from the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum
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Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is dedicated to collecting, housing, researching, and exhibiting objects, documents, and photographs related to the history of agriculture and rural life in Loudoun County.



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Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00 adults; \$4.00 seniors; \$3.00 for children 2-12 years. Children under 2 are free. Group rates are available.

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Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, Inc. HOSTS BARN DEDICATION CEREMONY



Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, Inc. hosted a reception on Saturday, June 18th to dedicate the Museum's historic barn in honor of Mary Howe DiZerega. Mrs. DiZerega was a leader in the farming community and a role model for women in agriculture. Members of the DiZerega family and representatives of LHFM, Inc. attended the event that featured an inspiring presentation by Board member Sandy Lerner of Ayrshire Farm and the unveiling of a brass plaque in Mrs. DiZerega's memory.

LHFM, Inc. raised \$100,000 from private sources to ensure the renovation and restoration of the historic barn. The Board enlisted the assistance of local artisan Alan Cochran of Cochran's Stone Masonry to stabilize the structure, replace the roof and much of the foundation. Cochran restored the barn to its original configuration by creating a drive-thru door and removing a loft in the center ally. The work was completed over a six-month period. The next phase of renovation will include replacing the interior stalls and making the structure ready for livestock to support live-animal classes and programs at the museum.

SPECIAL EVENTS & Activities

THE SENSORY GARDEN

Begins May 20

LHFM's newest exhibit for families and school groups. The Sensory Garden encourages students to discover the smells, colors, and textures of the farm. SOL-based classes available for pre-K and special needs groups. Sponsored by the Loudoun Ruritan Club.

THE ART COOP

Begins June 1


The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum invites local artists to display their work for up to one month in the "Art Coop: A Gallery Space for the Community." Visit "The Coop" for changing exhibits of works by area artists. Juried by the LHFM, Inc. Art Advisory sub-committee. Call for information about shows or to submit work for display.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 23

Scooped from the recipe book "Udderly Delicious Royal Recipes", the Virginia Dairy Princesses will build a "Sundae for 500". The building will take place at the museum Saturday July 23rd at 11 am to 12 noon. Reservations are required. Call for more information.

NOTICE

 Help us to serve you better by updating your contact information. Visit the museum's website at www.loudounfarmmuseum.org to register your email address or to update your address and phone number.

LHFM

Plants Heritage Apple Trees

In conjunction with the new exhibit "Virginia Apples for Flavor: The Story of Hill High Orchards" opening this October, LHFM has planted eighteen heritage apple trees on the museum grounds. The trees, provided by Vintage Virginia Apples of North Garden, VA, will eventually become a part of the museum's educational initiative. "Virginia Apples for Flavor" opens Saturday, October 15 to the general public.



LHFM, Inc. Board Members William Harrison, Kenneth Lowery, and Allen Jones planting apple trees.

Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum

HOSTS AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS DAY

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum celebrated Agricultural Awareness Day, on Friday May 20th. Ag-Day is a free program to Loudoun County schools and was sponsored by WAGE radio, Chantilly Turf, and Loudoun County Milling Company. Approximately 100 students braved the stormy weather to participate in the annual event. Local farmers and a variety of agricultural clubs set up booths at the museum and offered students a chance to "Meet the Farmer."



LHFM Curator, Katie Eichler Jones, awards grand prizes to Melissa Maricle of Purcellville and Charlie Sheilds of Countryside.

On Saturday May 21st, Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, Inc. hosted a reception honoring the winners of the first annual Agricultural Awareness Day Poster Contest. Members of the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum staff were on hand to announce winners and distribute prizes. The contest encouraged Loudoun County students grades pre-K through grade 2 to submit posters in celebration of Ag-Day 2005. LHFM, Inc. awarded two grand prizes and two honorable mentions. Grand prize winners received a \$100 United States savings bond and a free field trip for their class to the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Charlie Sheilds, a first grader at Countryside Elementary, received the grand prize for grades 1 and 2. Kindergartener Melissa Maricle, of Lincoln Elementary in Purcellville, won the grand prize for grades pre-K through K. The museum awarded honorable mentions to Anna Harvey and Erin N. Stitt. Each honorable mention recipient received 3 free passes to the museum. Winners and their families attended the ceremony to accept prizes. Grand prize winning posters are currently on display in the museum gallery.

LHFM CELEBRATES

SPRING FARM TOUR



Erin Martinez, shown here as Milkie the Cow, signs autographs during Spring Farm Tour.

May 21st marked the beginning of Spring Farm Tour 2005. The museum was open free to the public during Spring Farm Tour Weekend. To celebrate Spring Farm Tour, Milkie the Cow was on hand to sign autographs and the museum offered free family oriented activities. Over 250 people visited the museum during Spring Farm Tour Weekend. Visitors were encouraged to tour the museum facility, walk through the newly installed Sensory Garden, or to help paint wooden farm animals across the museum grounds.

Other sites on the tour included Ayrshire Farm, Blueridge Center's Mountain View Farm, Breaux Vineyards, Chile Man, Debaggio Herb Farm, Ellmore's Greenhouses, Fox Chase Farm, Grandale Farm, Great Country Farms, Hidden Brook Winery, Hillsborough Vineyards, Layng's Farm, Lost Creek Vineyard and Winery, Loudoun Valley Sheep Producers, Loudoun Valley Vineyards, Loudoun County Master Gardeners, Stuart Mill Farm, Tarara Winery and Bed and Breakfast, Waterford Vineyards, Willowcroft Farm Vineyards, and Windham Winery. For more information on the Farm Tour program visit www.loudounfarms.org

WHAT'S NEW

at the LHFM Gift Shop?

Stop by the LHFM museum gift shop and take a look at our new "Got Milkie?" apparel. In addition to our "Got Milkie?" line of bibs and children's tees, we have also introduced a new line of men's silk ties featuring our handsome windmill logo in muted grey and green.



"Got Milkie?" T-Shirts \$16, "Got Milkie?" Bibs \$11, Windmill Tie \$28

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION INTERN
Teach museum programs. Assist with the development and implementation of educational programming for the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Programs are catered for school groups grade Pre-K-5. Hours are flexible and volunteers are scheduled with each class.

OUTREACH SPECIALIST
Travel to regional fairs and festivals to help promote the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Must be able to communicate to the public and be able to travel and work week-ends.

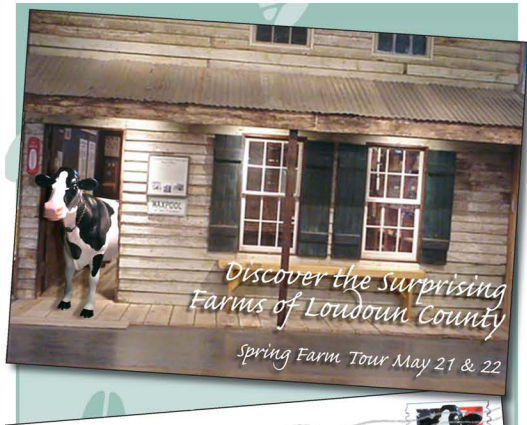
VISITOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
Volunteers provide visitors with courteous assistance at the front desk of the museum and in the museum store. Greet and orient customers to the museum, answer and transfer calls, perform daily gift shop maintenance,

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adult, teen, and group volunteers assist with the set-up, clean-up, hands-on activities, greeting and orienting of visitors, gift shop sales, and security for museum sponsored events.

TOUR GUIDE/DOCENT
Lead group tours to school groups, families, and adult visitors during the week or on Saturdays. Hours flexible and volunteers are scheduled with each tour or class.

HISTORIC GARDENER
Help with the planting and upkeep of the museum's landscape and gardens. Garden and landscape design includes historic native Virginia plants, grasses, and fruit trees.

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT
Assist with the care, cataloging, scanning, and research of the objects in the collection.



Discover the Surprising Farms of Loudoun County
Spring Farm Tour May 21 & 22

What a great trip! Stop by and see me at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum and I can tell you about my adventures on the farms.

See you this Saturday & Sunday May 21st and 22nd — Milkie

POSTCARD
To all my two-legged friends Loudoun County, VA USA

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For a complete schedule of this year's Farm Tour visit www.loudounfarmmuseum.org


WHERE'S MILKIE?

LHFM's Favorite Fiberglass Cow

Throughout the month of May, Milkie has been seen in local newspapers touring the county. In an effort to help advertise some of the surprising farms of Loudoun County, Milkie sent a postcard from local farms to all of her friends in the local Connection newspapers. Milkie visited the Chile Man, Debaggio Herb Farm, Great Country Farms, and Tarara Winery in celebration of Spring Farm Tour Weekend. Milkie finished her tour of the county at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, where she currently resides at the Claude Moore Children's Farm.

MEET KARA KOONCE

LHFM's Volunteer Coordinator



Originally from Winchester, Kara began working at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum in August of 2004. After graduating in 1997 from James Madison University with a degree in Anthropology with a concentration in North American Archeology, she furthered her education at the University of Newcastle International Centre of Cultural Heritage Studies.

In 2003, Kara received her Master's degree in Heritage Education and Interpretation. Before joining the LHFM staff, Kara served as the Visitor Services Manager at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. Kara and her husband Travis have lived in the District of Columbia since 1999. They have just adopted their first puppy, a 3 month old Pug named Otis.